

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 297 - HB 446**

March 10, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases, from \$20 to \$50, the fee for a restricted driver license for a person convicted of an implied consent violation. Increases, from \$250 to \$500, the fine for underage driving while impaired.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue – Net Impact – \$64,800**

**Increase Local Revenue – \$4,300**

**Assumptions:**

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-50-323, the Department of Safety (DOS) currently charges \$65 for a restricted license. According to the Department, legal staff advises that this bill would override the current \$65 fee charged for restricted licenses as a result of implied consent violations, resulting in a new fee of \$50, or a decrease in fee revenue of \$15 for each restricted license issued.
- According to DOS, in FY09-10, 1,077 restricted licenses were issued for implied consent violations. The decrease in recurring state revenue will be \$16,155 (1,077 x \$15).
- According to DOS, in FY09-10 fines were collected for 341 reported convictions for underage driving while impaired.
- A fine increase of \$250 per violation.
- Local courts retain five percent of fine revenue as commission.
- A recurring increase in state revenue of \$80,988 (341 convictions x \$250 increase x 95%).
- A recurring increase in local government revenue of \$4,263 (341 convictions x \$250 increase x 5%).
- A net recurring increase in state revenue of \$64,833 (\$80,988 - \$16,155).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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